Working of the Taluk Co-operative Bank, Pattanamtitta.

57. MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received any complaints regarding certain irregularities in the working of the Taluk Co-operative Bank at Pattanamtitta; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Registrar reports that complaints have been received recently about the irregularities in the conduct of a general body meeting of the Pattanamtitta taluk Co-operative Bank, Ltd.

(*b*) The Assistant Registrar of Co-operative Societies has been asked to enquire into the complaints and conduct a super-audit of the accounts of the Bank.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*). With regard to the answer to part (*a*) of the question, may I know whether it is exactly an answer to my question? My question is whether any complaints regarding certain irregularities in the working of the Taluk Co-operative Bank at Pattanamtitta have been received.

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer is that the Registrar reports that complaints have been received.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): It is stated there that complaints have been received about the irregularities in the conduct of a general body meeting. I wish to know whether any complaint has been received regarding the irregularities in the working of the Co-operative Bank?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The answer to part (*b*) would show that complaints have been received in regard to irregularities in the working of the Bank and the Assistant Registrar has been directed to investigate them and also to audit the accounts. That shows that complaints have been received and that action has been taken.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): I wish to know whether these complaints refer only to the irregularities in the conduct of a general body meeting or whether they refer to other irregularities in the working of the Bank as well?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): The complaint that is now pending is in regard to irregularities in the working of the Bank also and that is why the Assistant Registrar has been directed by the Registrar to investigate into the matter and audit the accounts.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): May I know whether similar complaints were received by the Registrar last year in regard to the working of the Co-operative Bank?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There were complaints in 1107.

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MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know the action taken?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : An enquiry into these irregularities was conducted by a Sub-Committee appointed by the Bank itself, and on the recommendation of that Sub-Committee, the loss was made good, and there the matter rested. Now that the complaint has come up again, the matter requires looking into more closely.

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) : I wish to know exactly what was the result of the enquiry last year ?

MR. C. N. SRIRENGANATHA SASTRI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*) : Sir, as a matter of fact, the Bank itself appointed a Sub-Committee to look into the matter. They probed into the matter, and as a result, the loss was made good to the parties concerned, and temporarily there was some satisfaction. Again complaints have arisen, and the Registrar thought that the matter should not rest there, and he directed the Assistant Registrar to investigate into the matter and audit the accounts of the Bank.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : Mr. Damodaran Asan wishes to move for the adjournment of the business of the House to consider "the arrival at Trivandrum of a Jatha of more than 400 pedestrians from Nooranad and adjacent pakuthies in Mavelikara taluk on account of the grievances of the inhabitants of the locality at the proposal of the Government to locate the Leper Asylum at Nooranad."

This is not a matter of urgent public importance by any means and so I disallow it.

THE TRAVANCORE MUNICIPAL REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

PRESIDENT : The next business is the continuation of the consideration of the Municipal Regulation Amendment Bill. Mr. Nilakanta Pillai will now move his amendment to clause 203.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*) : Sir, I move that in clause 203, sub-clause (1), the word "shall" may be substituted for the word "may". The clause is this :

> "The Municipal President *may*, on application by the owner or occupier of any building, arrange, in accordance with the rules and bye-laws, to supply water thereto for domestic consumption and use."

The object of the amendment is to make the municipality under an obligation to supply water for domestic consumption, if there is a demand by the person who wants the supply of water. We have passed several Sections of the Bill here by which both the Government and the municipality have been given powers without any restriction to impose taxation upon all or any people living in any section of the

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